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FIRE STATION REMEMBRANCE CEREMONIES TO COMMEMORATE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11

LOS ANGELES – SEPTEMBER 10, 2004 -- To commemorate the third anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attacks, the Los Angeles County Fire Department will host a Fire Station Remembrance Ceremony on Saturday, September 11, 2004, at 9:58 a.m., at each of the County's 158 fire stations. The ceremonies will be a poignant reminder of the moment when the first of the two World Trade Center towers collapsed, and pay tribute to all of the lives lost in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and in Pennsylvania, that day. Within moments of learning that 343 city firefighters had bravely perished in the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center, New York City residents and visiting tourists flocked to firehouses across the city. They placed bouquets of flowers, cards and candles as a display of hope and gratitude, and found comfort being with their city's firefighters. "As we approach the third anniversary of these tragic events, we hope to provide that same comfort to all local residents by offering each of our fire stations as a place for local residents to gather," says Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman. At each fire station ceremony, residents will be invited to participate, as County firefighters hold a minute of silence to remember fellow firefighters, law enforcement, military personnel and civilians who lost their lives. The silence will be followed by a reading of the Firefighter's Prayer and/or the names of the 343 New York City Firefighters who died at the attack on the World Trade Center, and fire station tours.

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Our Vision The Los Angeles County Fire Department will be an exemplary organization acclaimed for our national reputation, our regional strength, and our hometown attentiveness as we provide fire protection and life safety services.

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